

In reviewing the initial proposal (Bell South) and the subsequent proposals (Verizon, Qwest) I feel that I must appeal to the FCC to protect my interests. The proposal, if approved, would negatively impact my internet service, as I obtain service through a smaller ISP, which in turn purchases its broadband from SBC. Should the proposal go through, my ISP would likely suffer financial strain and would pass the difference along to me.

I do not feel that this proposal is in the interest of consumers, nor do I feel that the proposal is reasonable: in effect, Bell South claims that "we're obeying the law, so why have the law?" Precisely because Bell South (and others) would, if this proposal is approved, be in a position to eliminate smaller competitors.

Please do not ease the restrictions on the larger telephone companies in their favor - rather, should any change be made, make it in favor of competition amongst those monopolistic behemoths.

Thank you,

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